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SUBJECT: QATAR INTERNAL: RUMORS OF CHANGES TO BE ANNOUNCED
ON ANNIVERSARY OF AMIR'S ACCESSION TO POWER

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1. AS FEB 22 FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF AMIR'S ACCESSION TO POWER APPROACHES THERE HAVE BEEN USUAL SPATE OF RUMORS THAT THERE WILL BE DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS OF APPOINTMENTS AND OTHER SWEEPING CHANGES TO PUT GOVT OF QATAR AND HOUSE OF AL THANI IN ORDER. USUALLY UNRELIABLE LOCAL SOURCES TELL US THAT AMIR WILL DESIGNATE SHAYKH HAMAD BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES AND HIS OLDEST SON, AS CROWN PRINCE AND SHAYKH MUHAMMAD BIN HAMAD AL THANI, HIS BROTHER AND FORMER AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON, TO PRESTIGIOUS POST OF MINISTER OF EDUCATION. THESE MOVES WILL REPORTEDLY CATALYZE SHAKEUP AND PUT ALL THINGS RIGHT.

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2. COMMENT: WE HAVE HEARD ALL THESE STORIES BEFORE, AND THEY REGULARLY RECUR AT TIME OF SOME SPECIAL OCCASION SUCH AS FEB 22 ANNIVERSARY. TO DATE IT HAS BEEN ALL TALK AND NO ACTION, AND ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO PARTICULAR REASON TO BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE ANY DIFFERENT THIS TIME, WE ARE REPORTING IT FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH.

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